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SPECIAL NEEDS SHOPPERS HEAD TO THE STORES WITH STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

GREENSBORO, NC (November 30, 2005) – The Greensboro Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities will hold its annual Special Shoppers Day on Thursday, December 1 from 9 am to noon at Four Seasons Town Centre. This marks the 20th anniversary of Special Shoppers Day where volunteers assist special needs individuals with their holiday shopping. Student volunteers from area high schools and volunteers from local civic organizations will help with everything from carrying bags to picking out gifts. This year more than 145 volunteers are expected to participate. The event allows high school students to gain valuable insight from persons with disabilities and teaches the importance of acceptance and compassion. Volunteers leave with a heightened sense of awareness regarding the special needs population of Greensboro.

"The Greensboro Mayor's Committee is honored to assist our special needs population with shopping while giving our volunteers the opportunity to learn about disabilities through one-on-one interaction," says Mayor Keith Holliday. "This small investment of time goes a long way and demonstrates the City's commitment to inclusion of all people throughout Greensboro."

For more information on the Greensboro Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities or Special Shoppers Day, please call Donna Gray at 373-2723.

The City of Greensboro works in partnership with the community to increase the quality of life for all residents by fostering an environment of inclusion, diversity, and trust. As the seventh largest employer in Greensboro, the City has a dedicated professional staff of 2,800 employees who maintain four core values of honesty, integrity, stewardship, and respect. The City is governed by a council-manager form of government with a mayor and eight council members. For more information on the City of Greensboro, please visit us online at www.greensboro-nc.gov.

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